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Comments: I have lived in Spearfish for the past 15 years and absolutely love exploring the northern Black Hills. Many of the proposed drilling sites are near places that I camp, hike, trail run, mountain bike, fat bike and xc ski with family and friends. I know these areas are also frequented snow mobilers, ATV'ing and hunters.

I also help put on a mountain bike race close to a few of the proposed mining sites. The race is a fundraiser for a local no-profit (Northern Hills CASA), which is an organization that helps local abused and neglected children in the court system. This race is well attended and loved by many people in our area.

If these proposed mining sites are allowed it could effect these types of activities and make it less desirable to live in the Northern Black Hills. Because the areas that are proposed are so close to where these activities are taking place I am against allowing them the move forward. The Black Hills is a jewel of the State of South Dakota that should be protected and used by all citizens for recreational activities, not for profit companies. Please consider denying any mining actives in areas that are used by the public. Thank you!